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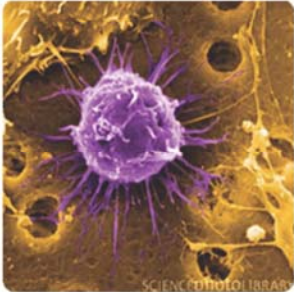
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Researchers at Intermountain Medical Center and AlloCure Launch First-Ever Stem Cell Trial to Repair Kidney Damage Suffered by Heart Surgery Patients

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Murray, Utah — Intermountain Medical Center and Salt Lake City-based biotech company AlloCure are working together to conduct the world's first clinical trial using adult stem cells to prevent or repair kidney damage that can occur after open-heart surgery.

Currently, only a handful of adult stem cell studies are taking place across the globe and none of them have ever used stem cell therapy in this fashion and for this indication, according to AlloCure chief executive officer John Wirthlin.

Intensive medical procedures like open-heart surgery can place tremendous stress on the body's systems, and the kidney is often one of the first organs to suffer damage as a result. This stress can lead to acute kidney injury, particularly in patients who are over 65, have diabetes, hypertension,